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SUBJECT: Interrogation report, Prisoners of war
HEINZ BOSCHEIMEN and WALTER KOTSCHY,

TO : See distribution below.

1. Attached is photostat of "SPECIAL IPW REPORT, GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES", prepared by Major FLINT, S.I.S., Hq. THIRD ARMY.

2. Prisoners were assigned to 1518 ARTY BN at the time of their capture, which is believed to have been effected by THIRD ARMY in the ST. AVOLD area.

3. Present whereabouts of the prisoners is not known. However, action has been initiated, through the Theater Provost Marshal, to locate the prisoners for further interrogation.

4. If, subsequent to this, reports concerning these prisoners are received, or published by this office, they will be accorded the same distribution as listed below.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

George A. Bicher
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Colonel, Signal Corps

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD U. S. ARMY
Signal Intelligence Service
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29 November 1944

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MEMO TO: Col Bicher, Signal Intelligence Officer, European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, APO 887.

SUBJECT: German Intelligence Service.

1. The following information on German Intelligence Service was gotten from two (2) German PW's. The original interrogation records and all of the copies or references to it have been destroyed for security reasons. The interrogation report follows:

SPECIAL IPW REPORT

GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

"Preamble: The information condensed below has been received from two PW:

"Heinz BOSCHEINEN, Unteroffizier, age 28, a trained radio operator who has been in the German Army Signal Service since 1938. His Tng at COLOGNE was followed by attachment to the 61 Army Corps Sig Bn at SAALFELD (June 39). He took part in the Polish and French campaigns. In 1940 he was assigned to an Interpreters Course (Turkish language) in LEIPZIG. In 1941 he was at the evaluation section in BERLIN, later at that in EAST LOETZEN. He has been in the evaluation service ever since (OKH BERLIN, ATHENS, ST AVOLD). He was recently transferred to 1518 Arty Bn.

"Walter KOTSCHY, Unteroffizier, age 32, was trained as a Hungarian military interpreter (1940), was further trained in encoding and decoding at OKH BERLIN (1941). He worked in the Italian section of the "Afrika Korps". He stayed with different sections of the interpreter and Sig services. He was transferred to 1518 Arty Bn in Sept 1944.

"Map Ref: GSGS 4346

1. Department 6, 7 Inspectorate of Signal Communications. Army High Command.
(OKH In 7/VI -- Inspektion der Nachrichten 7, Abt 6 in Oberkommando des Heeres)

a. Mission:

This department is concerned mostly with the decoding of enemy and neutral, and even, German allied, wireless messages. Within its scope is also coverage of wireless messages of the German Navy, GAF, police, and occasionally of wireless messages of the RR administrative authorities and of the merchant marine.

b. Organization:

OKH In 7/VI receives the messages which are to be decoded from its field agencies (Aussenstellen). These are the Signal Intelligence Agencies

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(Nachrichten Aufklaerungsstellen) which are officially designated as Commander of Signal Intelligence 1 to 7 (Kommandeur der Nachrichtensufklaerung 1 bis 7), each of which is assigned a particular geographical sector. Thus:

(1) Commander of Signal Intelligence 1:
Loc in NEUTITSCHHEIN (O 46) (NOVY JICIN), Czechoslovakia. This agency covers the Eastern Front.

(2) Commander of Signal Intelligence 2:
Believed assigned to a particular sector of the Eastern Front.

(3) Commander of Signal Intelligence 3:
Loc and assignment unknown.

(4) Commander of Signal Intelligence 4:
Assigned to the SE Front. Originally in ATHENS, later in BELGRADE, today Loc in GRAZ (B 85). This agency covers mostly the Near East (Turkey, Arabic nations, Palestine, troops in Syria and Egypt, and, to some extent, DE GAULLE troops stationed in Africa.)

(5) Commander of Signal Intelligence 5:
Assigned to the W Front. Originally Loc in PARIS, its present Loc is unknown. Assigned coverage is American, British and French armies.

(6) Commander of Signal Intelligence 6:
Loc and assignment unknown.

(7) Commander of Signal Intelligence 7:
Loc in Italy; originally in ROCCA DI PAPA near ROME, then in VALLERANO near VITERBO, and now in Vic of VICENZA. This agency covers the American, English, French and Brazilian armies in Italy.

c. Organization of a Field Unit: (Commander of Signal Intelligence)

PW were familiar with the organization of field units 4 and 7, and the organizational breakdown of these units is therefore given:

(1) Commander of Signal Intelligence 4:
(T/O rank of Cndr: Col)

Commander (Assisted by a staff of 30-40, including officers)

Sig Int Agency 4
(Nachr Aufkl Stelle 4)

Permanent Sig Int
Agency 5
(Feste Nachr Aufkl
Stelle 5)

Sig Int Agency 6
(Nachr Aufkl Stelle 6)

CO: Maj NUBER

CO: 1st Lt LEHMANN
1st Lt LANDENBERGER(?)
Loc: Before the war in
GRAZ (B85)

DO: 1st Lt ?
Loc: Before the war in TULIN (SLO)

DECODING:
For Italy
For Roumania
For Croatia
Sig Int Plat W
(Nachr Aufkl Zug "W")
BEOGRAD

Had 40-50 receivers
with appropriate per-
sonnel (Horchfunker)

Had 20-30 receivers
Coverage: English activities
(troops in Africa, Italy)

CO: 1st Lt WOLLNY
Constituted to cover
wireless traffic of
Croatian terrorists.
This Plat has its own

SECTIONS:
Evaluation
Traffic Evaluation
Direction finding
Evaluation

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Evaluation Section which in turn controls the Traffic and the Direction Finding Sections, (Auswertung, Betriebsauswertung and Peilauswertung) which report directly to the Commander.
For Turkey
Sig Int Plat T, KAVALLA. CO: 1st Lt TRAMSEN. Plat has 10 receivers and 40 men, 5 of whom are interpreters. Cover name of Plat: "XXIV". The Evaluation, Traffic and Direction Finding Sections again report directly to the Commander
For France (DE GAULLE)
For England

Scope: Covered DE GAULLE, Palestine, English troops in Africa, Italian and Greek Terrorist units
Direction finding squads were in BURGAS and CRETE

Evaluation:

Wireless Traffic Evaluation

Direction Finding Evaluation
Final Evaluation (Endauswertung)

(2) Commander of Signal Intelligence 7:

(T/O rank of Cmdr: Col)	Commander	(Assisted by a staff of 30-35, including officers)
Sig Int Evaluation Agency 7 (Nachr Aufkl Auswertestelle)	Close Range Sig Int Co (Nahaufklaerungs Kompanie)	Permanent Sig Int Agency 1 (Feste Nachrichten Aufklaerungsstelle 1)
CO: Maj HERZER	Personnel: 80-100 men	CO: 1st Lt PREUSS
Strength: 120 men	Wireless Telegraphy(?) interceptors (Horchfunke- er)	Wireless telegraphy inter- ceptors
<u>Decoding:</u> (a) English (b) American (c) French	Plan radio interceptors	Telegraphists and Telephonists
<u>Evaluation:</u> (a) Direction Finding	Limited Decoding Section (Kleine Entzifferung)	Direction Finding Plats (Peilzuege)

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Evaluation (b) Traffic Evaluation (c) Immediate Evaluation (Sofort auswertung)	Limited Evaluation Section (Kleine Auswertung)
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Final Evaluation

Technical Personnel:

Telegraphers
Telephonists
Teletypists

Note: Both the Close Range Sig Intelligence Co and the Permanent Sig Int Agency 1 communicate directly with the Commander, but for purposes of evaluation their information is referred to the Sig Int Evaluation Agency 7.

d. Administration and Flow of Intelligence:

The Commander of a Sig Int unit (as in b (1) to (7)) is under control of the pertinent commander of army or army group, both administratively and as regards the dissemination of intelligence emanating from such a Sig Int unit. The administrative channel of command leads via the Chief Sig Officer (Hoeherer Nachrichten-fuehrer) to the army or army group commander, and the flow of intelligence from these Sig Int units extends beyond the respective commander to the OKH In 7/VI. Thus, Sig Int reports (Funklagemeldungen) (see Par e below) would reach the respective army or army group commander as well as the Army High Command (OKH) and other echelons and commands on a distribution list of 14 listings (Verteiler). Intercepted transmissions in their original code (original chiffrierte Sprueche) and wireless code text reports (See Par e (4) below) only are sent to OKH In 7/VI. The originally encoded transmissions are forwarded for the purpose of a decoding check (Kontrollentzifferung).

e. Signal Intelligence Report (Funklagemeldung):

This report is made up of the following component reports:

- (1) Direction finding reports (Peilmeldungen)
- (2) Wireless traffic reports (Betriebsmeldungen)

These are the evaluated daily reports compiled on call signs (Rufzeichen) and wireless traffic (Verstaendigungsverkehr) of enemy and neutral broadcasting stations (Funkstellen).

- (3) Wireless clear text reports (Funkmeldungen)

These contain the translations of transmissions in the clear from enemy, neutral and German allied stations. These reports to to the Signal Intelligence Evaluation Section of the Army High Command (OKH Nachrichten Aufklaerungs Auswertestelle), originally Loc in BERLIN W 35, BENDLERSTRASSE 29-30, now probably in ZOBSEN (Z 91).

- (4) Wireless code text reports (Verkehrsnachrichten)

These contain the decoded and translated texts of enemy transmissions.

f. Location of OKH In 7/VI

Formerly Loc in BERLIN, MATTHIASI Kirchplatz 4 and SCHELLING Strasse 9, now with address: JUETERBOG II, 4./Nachrichten Betriebs-Abteilung.

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g. Personalities:

Director of the department in OKH for English and American decoding is Rudolf BALLOVIC. Contrary to some of the other leading officials he is anti-Nazi and before the "Anschluss" of Austria he was an outstanding official in the Austrian Federal Chancellery (Secret Department) (Oesterreichisches Bundeskanzleramt, (Geheim-abteilung).

h. Replacements of Personnel

With the emphasis placed on this intelligence source more personnel had to be recruited and trained for such highly technical work. The interpreter personnel is drawn from the Sig Interpreter Repl and Tng Bn (N.D.E.u.A.A. — Nachrichten Dolmetscher Ersatz- und Ausbildungsabteilung) in the KLUEBER Kaserne in HALLE (D 92). Radio technicians (funktechnisches Personal) were drawn from a Sig Repl unit in FRANKFURT/Main (M 67) which trained special radio intercept men (Horchfunker). Decoding personnel (Etzifferungs-personal) is drawn from a school conducted by OKH In 7/VI itself.

i. Sig Interpreter Repl and Tng Bn (N.D.E.u.A.A.)

PW gives the following personalities in charge of this unit:

Bn CO: Maj FUHRMANN

Adj: Lt DERWISCH

z.b.V. I c (G-2): Capt MULLER

Gerichtsoffizier (?): 1st Lt KUNZE

1 Co CO: 1st Lt SCHUMACHER

In charge of language department: Lt DIETZ

2 Co CO: 1st Lt WEISS

In charge of Language department: Lt GRAF

3 Co CO: 1st Lt ENDE

In charge of language department: 1st Lt ?

j. Decoding Systems:

The decoding of the English language has not encountered much difficulties because the basis (Grundidee) of the English encoding system (Schlüsselsystem) was soon recognized; the frequent changes of the key did not therefore impede rapid decoding according to PW. However, there has been constant trouble in decoding the EMPIRE Code. PW did not know much about the American encoding system, but PW stated that up to a year ago the American Army used system, a byphotostatic copy of which had been made available to the Germans through a treasonable act. The French encoding system had been known to the Germans for the most part by the time PW left the organization (Feb 1944)

PW describes this Code as involving a machine code (Maschinenschlüssel) made out with the help of a machine they captured in Africa, a serpentine code (translated ad libitum from "SCHLANGEN-SCHLUESSEL") and a permuted number cipher (Ueberwuerfelter Zahlenschlüssel) with a 5 digit number in the beginning which is repeated in reverse order at the end.

k. Increase in Importance of Sig Int Agencies

Ever since the decrease of intelligence available through air Rcn intelligence available through Sig Int Agencies (Nachrichten Aufklaerungsstellen) was considered most important.

2. FORSCHUNGSAMT

The FORSCHUNGSAMT (Research Bureau) (officially it is called the FORSCHUNGSAMT AM REICHLUFTFAHRMINISTERIUM) is the parallel organization (comparable to OKH In 7/VI) for the GAF. However, this FORSCHUNGSAMT, - a name which is really believed to be a cover name of a department of multiple functions, such as

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espionage, etc. - is a central bureau. OKH In 7/VI worked for the FORSCHUNGS-AMT in the field of diplomatic codes (for instance OKH In 7/VI broke the Turkish Code when the FORSCHUNGSAMT was experiencing difficulties with it) and the two departments exchanged reports based on their experience (Erfahrungsberichte). Moreover, the FORSCHUNGSAMT receives reports from the Sig Int Evaluation Section of the Army High Command, from the Navy High Command, from the Foreign Office (Auswaertiges Amt) and from the Armd Forces High Command (OKW).

3. Marine and Geological Research Institute

This title (Institut fuer Meeres - und Bodenkunde) is the cover name for a bureau of agents established by the FORSCHUNGSAMT in ALEXANDROPOLIS. Its mission was to maintain and establish liaison with agents and trusted persons (Vertrauensleute) in Turkey.

4. Regiment KURFUERST

Men with perfect knowledge of languages and dialects were transferred from the N.D.E.u.A.A. to the Regt KURFUERST on the basis of voluntary applications. Part of this Regt is stationed in KALENZ (A 41) near DRESDEN (F 29) and another part in a town beginning with the letter "B" (PW cannot recall) in the province of BRADENBURG. It is the scope of this Regt to train and assign agents and sabotage units. Tng included courses in close combat, parachute jumping, handling of explosives, familiarity with customs of foreign countries. PW is certain that this Regt is still in existence because soldiers with perfect knowledge of the English language and of dialects are urgently sought. In May/June of this year a cavalry sergeant with perfect knowledge of the Arabic language and of dialects was transferred to this Regt. It was to be his mission to go to Spanish Morocco and to proceed to French Morocco in order to foment riots among the Moroccan population. Another mission assigned to him at another time was a parachute jump over territory unknown to PW, but this mission could not be carried out because the American plane that had crashed in German and was to be repaired for this purpose could not take off."

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2. It is expected that investigation and examination of the site of the Nachrichten Dolmetscher Ersatz Abteilung in St Avold will produce further information of interest. Such material will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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